



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Ratkus, et al.  
FOR : **HOT KNIFE CUTTER**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 7, 2004, please amend the claims of the subject application as follows: